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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, PL

SUBJECT: POLISH EDITORIAL CALLS PARIS AGREEMENT DEAD
LETTER

1 ALTHOUGH THE THRUST OF A NOVEMBER 16 ZYCIE WARSZAWY
COMMENTARY IS NOT AS OMINOUS AS ITS TITLE "DEAD LETTER"
INDICATES, IT IS NOTEWORTHY IN THAT IT REPRESENTS THE
FIRST EDITORIAL ATTACK FOR SEVERAL MONTHS ON ALLEGED
VIOLATIONS BY SAIGON OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. SINCE THE
US IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF CRITICISM IN THE ARTICLE, EVEN
BY IMPLICATION, WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR OFFICIAL PROTEST.
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT TO
THE GOP INFORMALLY AT THE DEPARTMENT III (NORTH
AND SOUTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS) MFA LEVEL THAT WE HAVE
NOTED THE ARTICLE AND FIND IT INCONSISTENT WITH THE FACTS
AS WE KNOW THEM WITH REGARD TO CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS
AND OUR PRESUMED COMMON INTEREST IN ENSURING
THOROUGH AND OBJECTIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE ICCS
OF ALL CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS,
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WHETHER THE ALLEGATIONS EMANATE FROM THE NORTH OR THE

SOUTH.

2. THE ZYCIE WARSZAWY COMMENTARY POINTS TOUT THAT OVER 50,000 PERSONS HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN VIETNAM SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN JANUARY AND SAYS THAT THIS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE "BOYCOTTING" BY THE "SAIGON ADMINISTRATION" OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS CONCERNING POLITICAL CHANGES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. AS A RESULT OF "THIEU'S STAND", THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, THE PART OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT THAT CALLED FOR THE PRG TO TAKE ITS "RIGHTFUL PLACE" IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAS BECOME A "DEAD LETTER." THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT THE CONTINUATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITY AND FURTHER BLOODSHED IN VIETNAM ARE A "DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF SAIGON'S REJECTION OF POLITICAL COMPROMISE."

3. RECOMMENDATION: UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, WE WILL DISCUSS THIS ARTICLE WITH MFA DEPARTMENT III ALONG THE LINES INDICATED IN PARA 1.

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